

Welcome Back to School!



eWeek At a Glance

Week of
August 17, 2009

Welcome to the TRUSD eWAG. We hope you find this electronic week at a glance helpful.

We are actively soliciting information on events and news items from our schools, departments and community organizations. Please send them to Kathy.Young@twinriversusd.org or call our Communications Department at 916.566.1628.

Quote of the Week

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk."

-Doug Larson, cartoonist

Events, Gatherings & Meetings

Saturday, August 15th

- ~ Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted
- ~ [Elkhorn Farmers' Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon
- ~ RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) Annual Back to School Sale, 3136 Howard Street at McClellan, 9:30am to 4pm
- ~ [E.A.T. from the Garden](#) free adult cooking and gardening classes, 5th of 6 sessions, Grant HS Room W-42, 10am to 1pm, call Fatima Malik at 916.256.6593 or Genine Morris at 916.256.6100

Sunday, August 16th

- ~ Ice Cream Social sponsored by Rio Linda/Elverta Historical Society, Dry Creek Ranch House, 2pm

Monday, August 17th

- ~ TRERC - Certificated (Twin Rivers Employee Relations Council), District Office Bay-A Pine Room, 4:15 to 6pm

Tuesday, August 18th

- ~ Back to School Night, Highlands Academy of Arts & Design, 6 to 7pm
- ~ Board of Trustees Meeting, District Office Bay-A, 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 19th

- ~ [Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567.9567
- ~ Back to School Night, Foothill Oaks Elementary, 5:30 to 7:30pm
- ~ Back to School Night, Sierra View Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm

Thursday, August 20th

- ~ American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (a 5k walk to save lives) kickoff breakfast, call 916.446.7933 or e-mail MakingStridesSacramento@cancer.org

- ~ [Community Farm Stand](#), Las Palmas Adult School at the corner of Las Palmas Avenue and Fairfield Street, 8:30 to 10:30am, EBT accepted
- ~ Community Farm Stand, Freedom Park Head Start at 6015 Watt Avenue, noon to 2pm EBT accepted
- ~ Back to School Night, Del Paso Heights Elementary, 6 to 7pm
- ~ Back to School Night, Westside Campus of Westside Preparatory Charter School, 6 to 7pm
- ~ Back to School Night, Regency Park Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm

Saturday, August 22nd

- ~ Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30 am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted
- ~ [Elkhorn Farmers' Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon
- ~ "[Algebraic Reasoning](#)" Professional Development for Educators of Grades 3-5 at RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching), 3136 Howard Street in McClellan Park, 9am to noon

Looking Ahead

August 24 through October 16

TRUSD Essay/Poster Contest for Grades K through 12. call Gewon Richards @ 916.566.1600 x 1264

August 25

- Back to School Night, Rio Tierra Junior High, 5:30 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Rio Linda Junior High, 6 to 7:30pm

August 26 and 27

Walgreen's Community Wellness Van, CA State Fair, noon to 8pm

August 26

- [Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567.9567
- Back to School Night, Garden Valley Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Smythe Academy (K-6 campus), 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Woodlake Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Village Elementary, 6 to 8pm
- Back to School Night, Rio Linda Elementary, 6:30 to 8pm

August 27

- [Community Farm Stand](#), Las Palmas Adult School at the corner of Las Palmas Avenue and Fairfield Street, 8:30 to 10:30am, EBT accepted
- Community Farm Stand, Freedom Park Head Start at 6015 Watt Avenue, noon to 2pm, EBT accepted
- Back to School Night, Dry Creek Elementary, 5 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Noralto Elementary, 5 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Allison Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, F.C. Joyce Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Madison Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Woodridge Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Norwood Junior High, 5:30 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Northwood Elementary, 6 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Pioneer Elementary, 6 to 7pm
- Back to School Night, Creative Connections Arts Academy, 6 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Frontier Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Hagginwood Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Hillsdale Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Pathways Community Day School and Vineland Preschool, 6 to 7:30pm
- Back to School Night, Aero Haven Elementary, 6:30 to 8pm

August 29

Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted

[Elkhorn Farmers' Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon
["Dry Ice Investigations"](#) Professional Development for Educators of Grades 5-10 at RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching), 3136 Howard Street in McClellan Park, 9am to noon

August 30

Walgreen's Community Wellness Van, 5020 Madison Avenue, noon to 6pm

August 31 to September 3

Professional Development Day (non-student day), one per school, see date for schedule

August 31

Professional Development Day (non-student day) for
Aero Haven Elementary
Babcock Elementary
Castori Elementary
Del Paso Heights Elementary
Dry Creek Elementary
Foothill High School
Foothill Oaks Elementary
Garden Valley Elementary
Grant Union High School
Highlands Academy of Arts & Design
Kohler Elementary
Orchard Elementary
Rio Linda High School

September 1

Professional Development Day (non-student day) for
Fairbanks Elementary
Foothill Farms Junior High
Hagginwood Elementary
Harmon Johnson Elementary
F.C. Joyce Elementary
Martin Luther King, Jr., Technology Academy
Larchmont Elementary
Madison Elementary
Noralto Elementary
Norwood Junior High
Oakdale Elementary
Rio Linda Junior High
Rio Tierra Junior High
Sierra View Elementary
Back to School Night, Foothill Farms Junior High, 6 to 8pm
Board of Trustees Meeting, District Office Bay-A, 6:30pm

September 2

Professional Development Day (non-student day) for
Allison Elementary
Creative Connections Arts Academy
Eastside Campus of WPCS (Westside Preparatory Charter School)
Frontier Campus of WPCS (Westside Preparatory Charter School)
Frontier Elementary
Hillsdale Elementary
Northwood Elementary
Pioneer Elementary
Ridgepoint Elementary
Smythe Academy of Arts and Sciences (K-6)
Westside Campus of WPCS (Westside Preparatory Charter School)
Westside Elementary
[Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567-9567
Back to School Night, Oakdale Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm

September 3

Professional Development Day (non-student day) for
Morey Avenue Early Childhood Development Center
North Avenue Elementary
Pathways Community Day School
Regency Park Elementary
Rio Linda Elementary
Robinson Community Day School

Strauch Elementary
Village Elementary
Woodlake Elementary
Woodridge Elementary

[Community Farm Stand](#), Las Palmas Adult School at the corner of Las Palmas Avenue and Fairfield Street, 8:30 to 10:30am, EBT accepted

Community Farm Stand, Freedom Park Head Start at 6015 Watt Avenue, noon to 2pm, EBT accepted

Back to School Night, Castori Elementary, 5:30 to 6:30pm

Back to School Night, Kohler Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm

Back to School Night, North Avenue Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm

Back to School Night, Foothill High School, 6 to 8pm

Back to School Night, Rio Linda High School, 6 to 8pm

Back to School Night, Harmon Johnson Elementary, 6 to 7:30pm

Back to School Night, Smythe Academy (middle school campus), 7 to 8pm

September 4

Student Minimum Day, Junior High and Senior High only

September 5

Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted

[Elkhorn Farmer's Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon

Classic Car Show & Swap Meet, Dry Creek Ranch House, 8am to 4pm, for car show information call Bob Bastian at 916.991.2484, for swap meet information call Al at 916.991.5212

September 7

District Office and schools closed for Labor Day

September 9

[Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567-9567

Back to School Night, Babcock Elementary, 5:30 to 7pm

September 10

[Community Farm Stand](#), Las Palmas Adult School at the corner of Las Palmas Avenue and Fairfield Street, 8:30 to 10:30am, EBT accepted

Community Farm Stand, Freedom Park Head Start at 6015 Watt Avenue, noon to 2pm, EBT accepted

[Sacramento Monarchs'](#) WNBA game to benefit RAFT (Resource Area For Teaching), ARCO Arena, 7pm

September 12

Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted

[Elkhorn Farmer's Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon

["Solar Schoolhouse Solar Primer"](#) Professional Development for Educators of Grades 4-12 at SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District), 6301 S Street in Sacramento, 8:30am to 3:30pm

Concert in the Park sponsored by Supervisor Susan Peters, Pioneer Park in Old Foothill Farms, 3 to 6pm

Second Saturday Art Exhibition and Phantom Galleries Participation, VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) featuring Rio Linda High School, location to be determined, 6pm

September 15

Board of Trustees Meeting, District Office Bay-A, 6:30pm

September 16

[Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567-9567

September 17

[Community Farm Stand](#), Las Palmas Adult School at the corner of Las Palmas Avenue and Fairfield Street, 8:30 to 10:30am, EBT accepted

Community Farm Stand, Freedom Park Head Start at 6015 Watt Avenue, noon to 2pm, EBT accepted

September 18 through 20

Grant Union High School Class of 1984 25th Anniversary of Graduation, [click here](#) for details

September 19

Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted

[Elkhorn Farmer's Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon

Oktoberfest 2009 to benefit Kops-N-Kids, Brew It Up at 801 4th Street, 6pm, for tickets e-mail Lisa Hinz at lisa@kopsnkids.com

Robla Cleanup Day, meet at Robla Community Park, 8 am to noon

[E.A.T. from the Garden](#) free adult cooking and gardening classes, last of 6 sessions, Grant HS Room W-42, 10am to 1pm, call Fatima Malik at 916.256.6593 or Genine Morris at 916.256.6100

September 23

[Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567-9567

September 24

[Community Farm Stand](#), Las Palmas Adult School at the corner of Las Palmas Avenue and Fairfield Street, 8:30 to 10:30am, EBT accepted
Community Farm Stand, Freedom Park Head Start at 6015 Watt Avenue, noon to 2pm, EBT accepted

September 25 and 26

Highlands High School Class of 1984 Reunion Celebration, [click here](#) for details

September 26

Del Paso Heights Farmers' Market, Robertson Community Center at 3525 Norwood Avenue, 7:30am to noon, WIC and EBT accepted

[Elkhorn Farmer's Market](#), Towne Center at Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard, 8am to noon

TRUSD 2nd Annual Elementary Schools' Soccer Jamboree, Foothill High School, 9am to 2pm

Sacramento World Music & Dance Festival, Cultural Extravaganza at Benvenuti Performing Arts Center, 3 and 7:30pm

September 27

Sacramento World Music & Dance Festival, Festival at Historic Old Sacramento, 10am to 5pm

September 30

[Bright Beginnings](#) for Parents with Children Ages 0 to 5 years, Firehouse Community Center, 810 Grand Avenue, 10am to noon, call 916.567-9567

["Math Around the World"](#) Professional Development for Educators of Grades 3-12 at SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District), 6301 S Street in Sacramento, 4 to 7pm

Around Twin Rivers

All **Twin Rivers families** are encouraged to return completed **Free and Reduced Lunch Application forms** even if you do not plan to participate in the program. The forms also affect schools' cafeteria funding; Title 1 funding and eRate (computers, software and phones) funding. In addition, elementary schools are competing for a free movie night for all students. Secondary students have the chance to win a variety of high-tech gadgets. [Click here](#) to access the form online.

The **2nd Annual Del Paso Heights Cardboard Boat Regata** was recently held at the Grant Union High School swimming pool. This event was sponsored by **Freedom Hall** at **Martin Luther King, Jr. Technology Academy**. [Click here](#) to view the Chanel 13 coverage.

Twin Rivers Human Resource Department is happy to announce that **Diedre Barlow** has been promoted to **Vice Principal** of **Rio Linda Junior High**. This is her fifth year there. She was Instructional Coach last year and taught math prior to that. Congratulations, Diedre!

Our **Welcome & Wellness Fest** was enjoyed by over 600 Twin Rivers employees. Special thanks to our event sponsors: **SIA** (Schools Insurance Authority), **Total School Solutions** and **TRUE** (Twin Rivers United Educators). [Click here](#) to see our Welcome & Wellness Fest **employee rock band video** and [here](#) for the **event slide show**. Please check back next week for the list of our door prize donors and winners.

RAFT (Resource Area For Teaching) will benefit from ticket proceeds from the **Sacramento Monarchs'** National Women's Basketball Association game at ARCO Arena on Thursday, September 10th at 7pm. This event is sponsored by the University of Phoenix. [Click here](#) for ticket information.

Congratulations to Twin Rivers **Officer Justin Stanley** who played on the CHP (California Highway Patrol) hockey team in the 2009 Western States Police and Fire Games. His team received 3rd place out of over two dozen hockey teams.

Highlands High School Class of 1984 is celebrating their 25th Class Reunion on September 25th & 26th. [Click here](#) for details.

Twin Rivers classroom teachers are reminded that our Board of Trustees has approved the allocation of \$115 per teacher in special lottery funds for classroom instructional materials. [Click here](#) for details or call **Sami**

Jackson at 916.566.1600 x 1363.

As of July 1st, our district will reimburse up to \$15.00 for **employee tuberculosis tests**. Please submit your receipts to our **Human Resource Department** for reimbursement.

Employees and visitors to our district office at 5115 Dudley Boulevard are invited to dine at our **Mobile Caffé** located in the courtyard behind Bays A, B and C. Our **Nutrition Services Department** has also opened a deli, **Caffé Winona**, at 3222 Winona Way.

Twin Rivers offers a variety of adult education classes at the **Winona Center** and **Las Palmas Center** including Citizenship Preparation, Medical Billing and Coding, Electrician Training and Forklift Operator Certification. Fall classes begin on August 18th. [Click here](#) to download or view the **Adult Education Fall Schedule**.

Did you know that **Twin Rivers** has openings for a Boys' Basketball Coach, a School Office Assistant, an Instructional Para Educator and a Language, Speech and Hearing Specialist? Visit [ED-JOIN](#) for details on these and other **job postings**.

*Our condolences to the family, friends and former co-workers of **Eleanor Allen** who recently passed away. Mrs. Allen taught at **Foothill High School, Grant Union High School, Norte Del Rio High School** and **Vista Nueva Career and Technology High School**.*